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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION - AUG 14-25

1. MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN GROUP HELD MEETING A.M. AUGUST  
4 AT FRG MISSION TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES AND THEIR ROLE DUR-  
ING THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DIS-  
CRIMINATION. MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY ITALIAN PERMANENT  
REP DI BERNARDO WHO WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF WEOS FOR THE  
PERIOD OF THE CONFERENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO UK AND BELGIAN REPS LITTLE WAS ACCOM-  
PLISHED AT TODAY'S GATHERING. INITIALLY NONE OF THE  
MEMBERS WAS WILLING TO SERVE AS ONE OF THE TEN VICE CHAIR-  
MAN OF THE CONFERENCE BUT EVENTUALLY GREEKS AGREED TO  
SERVE AFTER A TELEPHONE CALL TO ATHENS AT FRG EXPENSE.  
FRANCE DURING AN EC9 MEETING HAD OFFERED TO SERVE BUT  
TODAY DECLINED THE HONOR AFTER TALKING TO PARIS.

3. NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE AS  
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE B WHICH WILL DRAFT THE PROGRAM OF  
ACTION OF CONFERENCE. AFTER A DIRECT REQUEST, CANADIAN  
REP AGREED TO ASK OTTAWA IF A MEMBER OF THE GOC DELEGATION  
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COULD TAKE CHAIRMANSHP (IF A DELEGATION IS SENT TO  
MEETING).

4. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT CUBA WILL CHAIR THE COMMITTEE  
DRAFTING THE CONFERENCE DECLARATION.

5. AS COULD BE EXPECTED AN AFRICAN WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF

THE CONFERENCE. LESOTHO, GHANA AND NIGERIA WERE MENTIONED.  
IT IS THE FEELING OF BOTH THE UK AND BELGIAN REPS THAT THE  
NIGERIANS WILL CAPTURE THE POST.

6. WEOS DID NOT MAKE ANY DECISION ABOUT A "WALK-OUT" IF  
THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE IS RAISED. THERE HAVE BEEN  
SEVERAL EVOLVING POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE BY THE WEST:  
A) INITIALLY THE NINE WERE GOING TO WALK OUT IF Z-R WAS  
MENTIONED.  
B) EARLIER THIS WEEK SOME MEMBERS OF THE NINE ALTERED  
THEIR POSITION AND SAID IF THE ISSUE WAS RAISED THE NINE  
WOULD VOTE NEGATIVE AND THEN WALK-OUT.  
C) TODAY IT APPEARS THE WEST MIGHT OBJECT IF Z-R IS  
PLACED IN A RESOLUTION BY NOTIFYING CONFERENCE PARTICI-  
PANTS THAT WEOS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE. IT  
APPEARS THAT A FINAL DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL THE  
ISSUE IS AT HAND. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE NINE, NOT THE  
WESTERN GROUP, WILL MAKE THE DECISION. AT THIS POINT IN  
TIME ALL WEO'S ARE WISHING AUGUST 14-25 WOULD DISAPPEAR  
FROM THE 1978 CALENDAR.

7. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS  
ZERO HOUR APPROACHES. VANDEN HEUVEL

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